

Sir

Salem 21. Oct. 1782

agreeable to your request I inclose you the
the answers to your questions

before the War. we had about 40 Sail of Fishing Vessels

the Common Size was. about 50 Tons

Men & Boys. to each - about 8

the Cost. of each Vessel. new. about £380

the Annual Charge about £105

the Quantity of Fish yearly about 700 Tons.

the Vessels. are employ'd about 9 Months of the year

Salt. Knives. Mackeril Clams

Gloves. Candles Water Cask

Rails & Lbs for the Satter

Trunks & Trussers for Do

these are great General &
from the whole Stock

Wood. Moleff. Rum. Sugar Coffee

Chocol. pork. Beans. Peas. Pepper

Flower. Bread

these are small General and are
paid for. by the People in
Proportion to their Shares

the Price of Fish about 15/-

to make Fish of ten Vessels 30 Men & Boys

the Land to make Fish for 10 Vessels 15 Acres. the value about £200

the Houses & Slaves for 10 Vessels about £100

to keep the Houses & Slaves in repair about 20 £

the Vessels where mostly employ'd to in the Winter to Carolina or Virginia

they where lost & Injured at 15 £ 6 Months

from your Most Th^l Servant.
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The Hon^{ble} Benj^l Lincoln

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from
Mr Derby
salem Oct. 21. 1782
on the fishing trade